

SECTION 700. WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL

The Contractor is responsible for providing, erecting, maintaining and removing traffic control signing and devices which are required to protect traffic in accordance with the contract traffic control plan. Required traffic control must be set up before the Contractor is allowed to begin construction.

Read the portions of the Standard Specifications, Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions, Quality Standards for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices, contract proposal, engineering plans, *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* and TRA-1: Traffic Control Through Construction and Maintenance Work Zones concerning the requirements for traffic control. Discuss the responsibilities assigned to you in TRA-1 with your supervisor.

Any revisions in construction staging or operations that affect traffic shall include a revised traffic control plan approved by the District Operations Engineer and the Central Bureau of Construction.

The importance of correctly placed and maintained traffic control devices in construction work zones cannot be overstressed. This importance does not diminish when the day's activities are completed and the workforce leaves the jobsite. To assure traffic control devices are in their proper position and functioning properly, the following actions are required:

1. When temporary traffic control devices are in place, the Resident Engineer, or appropriate designee, shall routinely drive through the jobsite, and document the drive through in writing. Every effort should be made to drive through the jobsite at the beginning and end of each workday; however, this may not be possible. The following schedule outlines the minimum requirements:

<u>ADT</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
< 5,000	Two times per week
5,000 to 50,000	One time per day on days the contractor is working
> 50,000	Two times per day, every day including weekends and holidays

During periods longer than 21 days when no work is being performed, (winter shutdown, suspension of work, extraordinary third party delay, strikes, etc.) drive throughs shall be performed at least two times per week if temporary traffic control devices are in place.

- In addition, when temporary traffic control devices are in place, one detailed daytime
 inspection shall be done weekly for projects having hazards in the work zone, barricades on
 the pavement, or barricades on the shoulder. These inspections shall be recorded on Form
 BC 726, Traffic Control Inspection Report.
- 3. When temporary traffic control devices are in place, routine nighttime inspections shall be performed at least two times per month to assure sign reflectivity, identify light outages and required maintenance of traffic control devices and to confirm clear direction to motorists through the work zones. These inspections shall be recorded on Form BC 726, Traffic Control Inspection Report.
- 4. Should any deficiency be discovered during a drive through or inspection, the contractor shall be notified in writing. The contractor shall notify the Engineer when the deficiency has

been corrected. The contractor shall be given evidence of the date and time the deficiency was corrected. If a deficiency is not corrected in accordance with the provisions provided for in the contract, the traffic control deficiency deduction will be applied.

These reviews are especially critical before weekends and/or holiday periods. With routine inspection of traffic control, workzones will be safe for both the motoring public and individuals working within the workzone.

The Traffic Control Surveillance Report, Form BC 2240, is to be used by the Contractor to document surveillance as required by Section 701.04(b)(2) of the Standard Specifications.